

Coal Shortage Shuts Fertilizer Unit at Arsenal

Temporary lay-off of 30 men at the Joliet arsenal has resulted from a shortage of ammonia, caused by the coal strike, it was reported today by Lt. Col. Raymond C. Costabile, commanding officer at the arsenal.

"As a result of the coal strike and the shortage of ammonia, there have been reduced production schedules of ammonium nitrate fertilizer," Col. Costabile said. "It has been necessary to shut down one of the manufacturing areas with the result that approximately 30 men have been temporarily laid off.

"There is no way of telling how long the shutdown will last, but it will be two or three weeks after the coal strike is settled before any effect in increased production will be noted at the arsenal," he reported.